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The SED and the SPD

1. The SED has earmarked certain of its functionaries to join the SPD should the SPD be permitted to re-establish itself in the Russian Zone. These SED functionaries will of course penetrate the SPD on behalf of the SED.
2. It is regrettable that the SPD seems to have heard of this plan.
3. Overtly, the SED intends to adopt a conciliatory attitude towards the SPD (*Verständigungs politik*). The real intention, however, is to split the SPD into two factions, a bourgeois one and a left-wing one, and ultimately to attract the latter to the SED.

SED in Land Saxony

4. Land Saxony is the main stronghold of the SED. The best functionaries come from there (Ulbricht, for example) and the best party schools are located there. That is why students from the West are usually directed to Land Saxony.

KPD in Hanover

5. Hanover Province has always been the weakest link in the KPD organization, and its functionaries, too, have been of poor quality compared with other districts. The KPD has been obliged always to draw on Hamburg and the Ruhr to fill posts in Hanover.

6. The reasons for this weakness are:

- a. The Guelph atmosphere.
- b. The traditional military character of the city.
- c. The overwhelmingly agricultural character of the region.

7. At present the position of the KPD in the Hanover region is definitely unsatisfactory. It is intended to increase the support given by Berlin to Hanover to an even greater extent.

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9. Great importance is being attached to the consolidation of SED positions in the so-called "non-party" organizations, especially the FDGB and VVN (Vereinigung der Verfolgten des Nazi-Regimes - Union of Victims of the Nazi Regime).

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